

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment

Regular Meeting of the Membership

on September 19, 2026, 2:00pm

Via Discord and Twitch

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm by Steven Garcia, Chair.

At the initial quorum count, the meeting continued once 20 members signed in as present, thus meeting quorum. In total during the meeting, 23 members signed in as present out of 823 total, with 20 needed to reach quorum.

Minutes

The minutes from August 15, 2026, were approved without objection.

Reports

Chair

Steven Garcia, Chair, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- We're switching into con crunch mode!
- Accessibility is working with other departments on proper procedures to handle non-visible disabilities. Feel free to reach out to accessibility@kumoricon.org with any questions/concerns!
- Interested in Chair leadership? Email chair@kumoricon.org or find me in Discord!
- Join the team! (**Bolded** roles denote highest need):
 - Staff Relations
 - Support
 - Staff Events
 - Support
 - Accessibility
 - Support, Accessibility Info Booth
 - Support, Event Interpreter
 - Staff Resources
 - **Manager**
 - Recruitment
 - **Coordinator**
 - Support

Infrastructure

Elaina Day, Director of Infrastructure, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Staff Hotel form now live!
 - Full 2026 guidelines, rules, and FAQ available in the Staff Area on Kumoricon.org. All questions can be directed to hotels@kumoricon.org, or answered in the #hotels-team channel on Discord
 - [The form closes on September 25th.]
- Hotel, Infrastructure Amenities, and Information Technology are now accepting applications!

- No experience required! Inquire at Infrastructure@kumoricon.org
- Position Highlight: Infrastructure Amenities
 - Infrastructure Amenities is a newly created position to help keep up with needs all over the Convention Center! During the con weekend, you'll assist with monitoring Discord channel requests to help dispatch the proper services to the right place! This position requires little to no physical labor, and would be ideal for individuals who have mobility issues or are wanting to get involved in a new, easy-to-learn spot!

Membership

Hannah Eulberg, Director of Membership, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Current registration numbers:
 - Pre-registrations: 4,894
 - VIP Add-On Packages: 80
 - [Autographs have sold out, and we are working on making a small increase available.]
- Pre-registration price:
 - \$95* through November 7th
 - *card processing fees applied at checkout
- Pre-Registration Deadline:
 - Pre-registration for attendees closes soon! If you know of friends or family that have not yet registered, please remind them that the current price tier will close at the end of the day on **November 7th**.
 - After that, it will be at-the-door sales only, available online starting at midnight on Wednesday, November 11 or in-person Thursday, November 12, when the Registration Hall is open.
 - [Hours for registration are still to be determined for this year.]
- Staff Discount Code Deadline:
 - For staff L2 and up, discount codes to use on an attendee membership for a friend or family member have been sent to either your personal or Kumoricon email address. If you have not received this code and are ratified, please reach out to staff.registration@kumoricon.org.
 - **Codes are redeemable until EOD Saturday, November 7th**. After that, if you still want to redeem the code in-person at the convention, it will need to be done through the Management Kiosk in the Registration Hall.
- Staff Registration Deadline:
 - **As of Kumoricon 2026, we will no longer be signing staff up at the convention**. Individuals must be registered and ratified by **November 7th** to be eligible for staff this year. Anyone who has missed this cutoff will be directed to the Attendee Volunteer booth for options on volunteering.
- Current happenings:
 - Personalization data has been sent to PC/Nametag for staff, Guest of Honor, and Master of Ceremonies badges.
 - Staff scheduling has been presented to executives; management groups will be hearing from Membership late September/early October for training.
 - Last-minute design requests, but most are done!
 - First Attendee Registration training meeting: September 27th, 6pm-7pm in the Staff Discord.
 - September Office Hours: Sunday, September 27th, 10am-12pm.
- We're hiring! (**Bolded** roles denote highest need):
 - Info Booth
 - Lead
 - Crew
 - **Attendee Registration**
 - **Shift Lead**
 - **VIP Support**

- **Crew**
- Specialty Registration
 - Support
- Staff Registration
 - Assistant Manager
 - **Support**
- **Attendee Volunteers**
 - **Lead**

Operations

Ben Riker, Executive Assistant, Operations, on behalf of Patrick Frymire, Director of Operations, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Things are underway in Operations!
 - We're taking all the necessary steps to make Kumoricon safe & fun for everyone.
- Are you staff or an attendee? Do you have some free time that you want to give to Kumoricon? Consider volunteering with Operations.
 - There are many opportunities to volunteer with Operations. Ask if there is an opportunity for you!
- Highlighted staff recruitment:
 - Incident Response Investigator
 - Public Discord Moderator
 - Peace Bonding Specialist
 - Crowd Control Specialist
 - Please go to kumoricon.org/open-positions to learn more and apply.
 - Please note: November 7th is the final day to apply to staff.

Programming

Bennett Do, Director of Programming, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Supporting Event Coordinators and Managers for their contests and programming.
- Coordinating with other departments on general logistics.
- Working with external vendors on catering for events.
 - [This includes sake tasting, maid cafe, and an after party. We will be using a new off-site venue this year called The Avenue.]
- Scheduling locker visits for inventory.
- The Panel Review team is working on a draft schedule for panel submissions. They have already reached out to the first round of acceptances.
- Programming Events and Contest Statuses:

Name	Status	Deadline
Panel Applications	Closed	August 1
AMV	Closed	August 16
Lip Sync	Open	September 18* Extended to October 2
Cosplay Contest	Open	September 27

Fashion	Open	September 30
Cosplay Chess	Open	October 23
Idol Festival	Open	October 25
Cabaret Show	Open	October 27
Fan Art	Open	November 13
Karaoke Contest	In Progress	TBD

- Join Programming!
 - Highlighted Role: Karaoke Support
 - At-con position assisting with the operation of the Karaoke room.
 - Duties include assisting with set-up/tear-down of the Karaoke room, assisting attendees with signing up to sing, accessing music for participants, and running sound during open mic.
 - Support Audition and Judging for the Karaoke Contest.
 - Highlighted Role: Office and Booth
 - Provide general customer service and answer attendee questions about specific Programming content.
 - Assist with Programming Office and Booth operations with clerical tasks.
 - Assist with event sign-ups and attendee activities, including the Cosplay Scavenger Hunt and button-making.
 - Distribute 18+ hand stamps and other Programming materials.
 - Assist with prize support, including Kumori Cash, donated prizes, and awards.
 - Help keep the Programming Office and Booth organized and operational throughout the convention.

Publicity

Jessica Ulibarri, Director of Publicity, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Mascot Voting closed Sunday 9/13. The winner will be announced during Closing Ceremonies at con.
- Signage Requests for con need to be submitted by the **end of the day on the 26th**. Anything after that may not be able to happen.
- If your team has a content page on the website, please make sure to review it. If updates are needed, copy the page text to a Google Doc and mark up what needs to change. Send the page to Copy Editing for review. Once copy editing has been completed, send the document to Website requesting an update to your page.
- Things to remember when submitting requests to Publicity
 - When you are submitting requests to Publicity for either website updates, announcements, or graphics, please make sure to **specify a date** that you want or need the project completed/announced by.
 - All items that will be consumed by the public (this includes staff) must be run past Copy Editing & Branding to make sure it meets Kumoricon's Branding Standards.
 - If you are looking to make an announcement on social media, please make sure you are also making a request to Graphics for the announcement image.
 - If you are looking to make changes to something on the website and want it announced by Social Media once completed, please make sure you are submitting separate requests to both teams.

- If something is being announced on the website and social media, please be aware that it must first be posted on the website and the social media announcement will be posted within 24 hours of the website post going live.
- Design & Print Deadlines:
 - Requests that **require design and/or layout** to be done by Kumoricon's Graphics Design Team must be **submitted by Saturday, September 26, 2026**.
 - Information for the printed Pocket Guide: **Hours, Locations, Policies & Procedures**, needs to be **submitted by Saturday, October 10, 2026**.
 - Requests with **print-ready files provided by the requester** must be **submitted by Saturday, October 17, 2026**.
- Publicity is hiring for:
 - Merchandise Team
 - Booth Manager & Supervisor
 - Customer Service
 - Cashier
 - Graphics Team
 - Project Manager
 - Design & Editorial Layout
 - Social Media Team
 - Content Creator
 - Announcement Creator
 - Platform Moderator
 - Multimedia Team
 - Event Photography Lead
 - Photographer
 - Videographer

Relations

Stephen Weber, Secretary, on behalf of Kris Lugo, Director of Relations, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Relations is finishing up guest schedules with Programming.
- All guests have been finalized.
 - Keep an eye out for announcements coming soon!
- Industry booths and Partner Tables have been finalized.
- Industry Membership applications are being reviewed weekly.
- Relations is looking for:
 - Logistics
 - Transportation Coordinator, Relations Logistics (1 spot open)
 - Drivers, Relations Logistics (3 spots open)
 - Gophers, Relations Logistics (5 spots open)
 - Autographs
 - Shift Leads, Autographs (2 spots open)
 - Support, Autographs (6 spots open)
 - Hospitality
 - Green Room Support, Hospitality (2 spots open)
 - If any of these positions sound fun and exciting, come join us!

Secretary

Stephen Weber, Secretary, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Minutes and ratifications are current.

- Reminder: If your position requires an NDA to be signed, it must be submitted before you can be ratified.
- If you have already been ratified and are promoted, please check if your promoted position requires an NDA. **If required, your promotion is not official until one is received.**
- Executive meetings summary:
 - The executive board has met once since the last membership meeting.
 - September 11, 2026:
 - Approved an addendum to the Kumoricon 2027 DoubleTree contract. This addendum lowers prices.
 - Approved pre-authorizing spending by Relations for the 2027 convention year.
 - Approved membership pricing and tiers for Kumoricon 2027.
- Out of meeting board actions:
 - Approved an increase to Relations' budget for Guests.
 - Approved pre-authorizing spending for Outreach for the 2027 convention year.

Treasurer

Sierra Rice, Treasurer, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Taxes are current.
- Plan for at-con needs [cash boxes, card readers, etc.]
- ALL departments need to finalize their inventory. Schedule a locker day with Trevor, and send Supply/Logistics the itemized lists.
- Hiring for:
 - Load-in/Load-out Movers

Outreach

Steven Garcia, Chair, on behalf of Devin Hunter, Lead, Outreach, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Hello! The Outreach team is out in the field today so Steven is providing the dub for this portion of the program.
- Devin, Brian, and Stacie work to organize an amazing team of volunteers to help make sure as many people know about Kumoricon as possible.
- Side Quest Expo is now a one-day retro video game event hosted by a local game store. It was super busy in the morning, we were able to talk to a bunch of people, and we increased our overall sales by 76%. This is a great first event for new Outreach volunteers, and we are looking forward to returning next year.
- Resin Rose Ball Jointed Doll Expo is an internationally recognized event that a lot of people fly to Portland to attend. This resulted in multiple conversations with people who were interested in Kumo, but couldn't afford the flight back out. It's always a fun event, and we've shared some of the fun that Ghost Neko got up to in the #outreach-events channel on the Staff Discord. Thank you Jessica for capturing these!
- Multnomah Days is a one-day community event in Multnomah Village. It's similar to a farmer's market, so we mostly talked to people who were unfamiliar with Kumoricon. It's a fun outdoor event, and we are excited to return in the future!
- If you want to get involved in planning future events, our next meeting is September 29th at 7:00pm in the "outreach-voice" channel of the Staff Discord server.
- Upcoming events:
 - Portland Retro Gaming Expo: October 9th-11th at the Oregon Convention Center.
 - Geek Girl Con: October 24th and 25th at the Seattle Convention Center.

- If you are interested in volunteering, make sure to keep an eye out for, and respond to, the volunteer recruitment emails for each event. We're always looking for new volunteers who are interested in spreading the word about Kumoricon!
- Thanks for listening!

Unfinished business

There was no unfinished business.

New business

There was no new business.

Good of the order

Good of the order is accepting submissions!

- You can email goto@kumoricon.org, open.mic@kumoricon.org, or good.of.the.order@kumoricon.org!
 - An email was received from Alex M expressing concerns about AI usage in a social media post. The email was forwarded to Publicity for review. Jessica responded the issue has been addressed internally.
 - Stephen reported Amtrak's new train for Amtrak Cascades, the Airo, will enter revenue service on September 30th. A meet the train event will be held on September 27th in both Seattle and Portland. Reservations are required, and more details are available at <https://amtrakoregon.com/discover/open-house>
 - An email from Brian D was received about Kumoricon's stance on using generative AI. Jessica responded that our current policies on the use of generative AI in KumoriMarket are available online.

Joining staff

- Want to join staff but not sure what you want to do?
 - Visit <https://www.kumoricon.org/open-positions> to read about all the positions we have available.
- Know what you want to do or need some help making a decision?
 - Visit <https://www.kumoricon.org/staff-application> to apply or take a small survey so we can help you figure out what to do.

Anime Movie Minute

Heather Loveland, Cultural Coordinator, Guest Acquisitions, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- A few standouts from the upcoming season:
 - The new season of *Apothecary Diaries* starts on October 2nd, and the long awaited *Magic Knight Rayearth* remake starts on October 7th. I know the series has been out for (checks my box set of the manga) 30 years but won't spoil the ending for the wee babes who don't know. I want to see the look in their eyes...
 - I want to be excited about *From Far Away* so badly but *Red River* was a bit of a letdown and I just, I love it so much I'm afraid. It's studio DEEN so there's hope but I just can't get my hopes up again.
- It's mostly re-runs right now, but it's still cool seeing them on the big screen!

- *Ghost in the Shell* is getting its turn with a 4K remaster for its 30th anniversary. It will be screening September 18th-23rd.
- Crunchyroll is doing the thing that's started being a regular for them and I'm not complaining - sneak peak night for the new season!
 - [This preview will include] *Black Clover Season 2*, *The Vermilion Mask*, *Overgeared*, *Firefly Wedding*, and *PSYREN*.
 - Yes, I had the same thought as all of you when I saw it say, "*Black Clover Season 2*". *Black Clover* has decided to be a weird bird and have a season one that is 170 episodes long covering 10 arcs, but it's only one season because they broadcast it without stopping. Not how I remembered them chunking *Naruto*, but what does an otaku over 30 like me know.
- Then GhibliFest continues its eternal cycle with *Princess Mononoke* from September 26th to the 30th
- Bookending this slide, we have *Spirited Away: Live on Stage* screening October 1st and 8th, and the original movie's 25th anniversary screening October 17th through the 21st.
- Then we've got the classic *Ninja Scroll* screening October 4th, 5th, and 7th.
- And finally *Violence Jack*, with the Hollywood Theater putting on all three OVAs in a two-and-a-half hour long block of Go Nagai insanity on October 11th.
- Like I said, nothing much new here, but some very pretty anime are being shown on the big screen so that you can properly appreciate the art if you're interested.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39pm by Steven Garcia, Chair.

Submitted, and revised and approved by the members,
Stephen Weber, Secretary

Attachment: Presentation slides

See file *kumoricon-minutes-member-20260919-attachment.pdf*